

THE OLIVE BRANCH

CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING SERVICE



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Dear Brendan

Thank you for your email of 23 October 2018 regarding requests for grant funding in 2018 - 19. The Olive Branch Christian Counselling Service is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year.

We are a locally registered charity. Our purpose is to provide counselling to the over 18s in Winchester and the surrounding area. Our services are offered to the whole community regardless of financial situation. Many of our clients are on low income or benefits and cannot afford anything other than a nominal contribution. Our income comes principally from donations made by our clients.

Our 50 counsellors are all volunteers, 60% have completed formal counselling to Level 5 or above, the remainder are trainees undertaking training in local colleges. All counsellors receive fortnightly Supervision from The Olive Branch's 9 Supervisors who are paid a nominal amount of £15 per session. We have 4 part-time paid staff; the Clinical Director, Head of Counselling, Assistant Head of Counselling and a book keeper. We rely on unpaid volunteers to manage the administrative tasks including 2 volunteers to manage the financial and company secretarial affairs of our counselling service.

In 2016 we offered around 3500 sessions, an average of 63 counselling sessions by our volunteers per week.

We publicise our services by distributing leaflets to local churches, to GP surgeries and to other agencies. Our leaflet is enclosed. This leaflet and business letters and cards amounts to around £200.00 each year. Also, our Annual Fire Test Certificate costs £275.00

Thank you for considering The Olive Branch Christian Counselling Service for some funds to support our work in the local community; this is much appreciated.

Kind Regards

Signed H E McMahon

Helen McMahon MBE
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